

Now is the time to protect your pre-teen daughter from cervical cancer.



- ▶ Cervical cancer is caused by a common virus called the human papillomavirus (HPV).
- ▶ Each year in the U.S., about 12,000 women get cervical cancer and about 4,000 women die from it.
- ▶ The HPV vaccine can prevent cervical cancer.
- ▶ The vaccine is safe and very effective.
- ▶ Doctors recommend the HPV vaccine for all 11 and 12 year old girls. Ideally, girls should get this vaccine before their first sexual contact, when they could be exposed to HPV.
- ▶ Girls and young women ages 13 through 26 should also get the vaccine if they have not done so yet.
- ▶ All IHS, tribal, and urban Indian health clinics offer vaccines. So do many private doctors. AI/AN children from birth through their 19th birthday can get vaccines for free through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. Ask your doctor or your local clinic.

For more information on shots,
ask your child's healthcare provider
or call **800-CDC-INFO** (800-232-4636)
Website: **[www.cdc.gov/vaccines/
preteen/aian](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/preteen/aian)**

